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an "insult" to any Christian or non-Christian faith. But it is one of the depressing anomalies of religious experience that any pious hypocrite can enrapture multitudes by lifting up his voice in "the bleat of evangelical orthodoxy," whereas the honest seeker after spiritual realities takes his life in his hands.—EDITOR.]

A COMPLIMENT MISUNDERSTOOD

SIR,—I am sorry to say the headline, "A Pro-Ally German-American," which you gave to my recent letter, indicates that you missed the point of it. I strongly protest against being called a German-American, since it is an entirely erroneous description, my ancestors on all sides having been in America from two hundred to two hundred and fifty years. I am as purely and thoroughly American as anyone. I regret having to state that such an appellation was to me most surprising and distasteful.

JOHN L. SCHWARTZ.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

[We are sorry that a lapse from tact on our part has caused our friend unhappiness. We had assumed from the tone of his letter that he was as proud of his German descent as Mr. Roosevelt so often affirms that he is of his. There was no thought on our part of questioning Mr. Schwartz's Americanism—which we hereby recognize and salute: we had meant rather to pay him a compliment. Incidentally we would remind Mr. Schwartz that whether his forebears came to this country two hundred years or five years ago is immaterial to the fact of his Americanism. Some of the most unquestionably and passionately loyal Americans we know have grandparents who are so unfortunate as to be subjects of the abhorrent paranoiac who is, God grant, the last of the Kaisers.

—EDITOR.]